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H.S.R. No. 55

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5 R E S O L U T I O N
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7 WHEREAS, State Representative Joe Salem of Corpus Christi
8 traveled to Paris, France, in July, 1971, to present a copy of
9 House Concurrent Resolution No. 42, as passed by the
10 62nd Legislature, Regular Session, condemning North Vietnam and
11 the Viet Cong for inhumane treatment of American prisoners of
12 war, to the North Vietnamese delegation to the Paris Peace
13 Talks; and

14 WHEREAS, Representative Salem journeyed to France at his
15 great personal expense to present the resolution to the
16 North Vietnamese and to converse with them concerning the
17 treatment of American prisoners of war and the possibility of
18 their release by the North Vietnamese; and

19 WHEREAS, After encountering the strong refusal of the
20 North Vietnamese to meet with him and long delays,
21 Representative Salem through his determination and perseverance
22 finally obtained a meeting with a North Vietnamese spokesman;
23 Representative Salem tape-recorded his conversation with the
24 North Vietnamese spokesman and took photographs, thus becoming
25 the only individual to accomplish these things with the
26 North Vietnamese Communists; and

27 WHEREAS, During his meeting with the North Vietnamese,
28 Representative Salem not only expressed the sentiments of the
29 Texas Legislature and 11 million Texans concerning treatment of
30 American prisoners of war, but he also sought permission to be
31 allowed to travel to Hanoi to visit American prisoners of war
32 and to bring some of these unfortunate Americans back to the
33 United States if possible; he was flatly rejected by the
34 North Vietnamese on all of these requests; and

35 WHEREAS, The actions of Representative Joe Salem in
36 traveling to France at his own expense to deliver the message of
37 the people of Texas and to seek better treatment of American
38 prisoners of war in North Vietnam are not only greatly
39 commendable, but also demonstrate the great devotion to country
40 and desire to serve the people of Texas and the nation which
41 Representative Joe Salem possesses; now, therefore, be it

42 RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
43 62nd Legislature, 4th Called Session, That by this Resolution
44 Representative Joe Salem be and is hereby commended for his
45 actions in traveling to Paris, France, at his own expense to
46 deliver the message of the Texas Legislature and 11 million
47 Texans, and to seek better treatment of American prisoners of
48 war; and, be it further

49 RESOLVED, That official copies of this Resolution be
50 prepared for Representative Joe Salem, our distinguished
51 colleague and admired friend, as an expression of the pride and
52 appreciation of the House of Representatives in his most
53 admirable actions.
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Add names of all members

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Dorothy Hallman

Chief Clerk, House of Representatives

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HOUSE SIMPLE RESOLUTION

commending Representative Joe Salem.

DATE OCT 10 1972

READ AND ADOPTED
Dorothy Hallman
CHIEF CLERK
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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